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(SBU) PolMinCouns and Poloff delivered reftel demarche and human rights pledge on April 17 to Riina Kionka, Personal Representative for Human Rights of High Representative Javier Solana. She again welcomed our candidacy, and said that although the EU does not coordinate Human Rights Council voting, she felt that EU Member States would almost certainly vote for the United States. Kionka said that the EU was very pleased at our re-engagement, as they had felt "alone" at the HRC in recent times. As for other countries, Kionka urged the U.S. to lobby in Geneva and New York those missions with poor communication with their capitals.

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